

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 8, 2012

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 8th day of March, 2012, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:	Members Keith Allen, W. E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson
ABSENT:	Member Don Allen and Emily Meazell
COMMITTEE LIAISONS:	Dana Cramer, IAFF (present) Joel Formby, FOP (present) Brandon Brooks, OU (absent)
STAFF PRESENT:	James Fullingim, Fire Chief Captain David Tuescher, Police Department Keith Humphrey, Police Chief Major Kevin Foster, Police Department Anthony Francisco, Finance Department Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department
OTHERS PRESENT:	Councilmember Lockett Councilmember Gallagher Councilmember Spaulding

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyfield.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE MARCH 8, 2012, MEETING.

Member Schnell moved that the agenda of the March 8, 2012, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Wilson;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee March 8, 2012, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the March 8, 2012, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson
NAYES:	None

Chair Holyfield declared the motion carried and the agenda of the March 8, 2012, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2012.

Member Duff moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 9, 2012, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee February 9, 2012, minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 9, 2012, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, W. E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Holyfield declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of February 9, 2012, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department, discussed the February financial reports. He pointed out that all Public Safety Sales Tax personnel received pay raises retroactive to July, 2011 as well as merit increases if warranted.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Fullingim reports that the qualifications of the lowest bidder for Firestation No. 9 are in question and negotiations with the 2nd highest bidder have begun. The anticipated completion date will be 320 days from start so that would mean a station opening in May of 2013.

The Academy will begin the end of August.

Member Allen asked if the Fire Department would be releasing information to citizens about how to be more careful with fires because of the drought.

Chief Fullingim said that they would be doing Press Releases regarding fire safety and the "Ready, Set, Go" program.

Police Department Report

Lt. Teuscher reported that the current academy begin on October 31, 2011 and will graduate on April 13, 2012. Five of the positions in the next academy will be PSST.

The second Citizen's Police Academy has begun and follow up training of the alumni of the first academy is ongoing.

The Problem Oriented Training process has begun and should be completed within the next 6 months.

There is an effort to bring the members of the Neighborhood Watch Groups together for a meeting with the Captains of the Police Department.

TEAM is currently researching information to begin a bullying class lesson.

Member Allen commended the Police Department regarding the bullying lesson.

Member Wilson said that bullying training effectiveness was based on sending the message that this is a community problem and not just a school problem. He said that sometimes parents are not always as objective as they should be. Education is the key, often helps the victim more than the bully. Schools do have to be mindful of students with disabilities but also must protect the children. He suggested that a PTA meeting also be included in the bullying training.

Member Allen suggested that bullying training be incorporated into City of Norman sports programs to try and encourage children who might not be as good at sports to stay in programs.

Item 5, being:

DISCUSSION OF COP EFFORTS IN AREAS OF HIGH CRIME.

Major Foster began the discussion by saying that apartment complexes generally have a higher density of people living in a space which makes it appear to have more crime. The department is working on a Crime Free Multihousing program that will work with managers of apartment complexes to help with areas that could contribute to crime.

He introduced Police Officer Chad Osterling who told the committee about a Norman Loss Prevention group that he meets with each month. This is a group of retailers who discuss situations occurring regarding shop-lifting and other retail crime. Because Norman is right off of I35, organized groups of retail criminals travel to Norman to commit crimes.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if these groups were affiliated with gangs in Norman.

Major Foster said that this is not the type of activity that one would associate with gangs.

Member Allen asked if when new apartments are zoned if the Police Department has a process to identify potential problems.

Captain Teuscher responded that this was what the Crime Free Multihousing policy could accomplish, however it would be voluntary program.

Item 6; being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held April 12, 2011

1. Discussion of Comprehensive Synopsis of how COP has enhanced the community (invite newspaper representatives to attend meeting)
2. Discussion of how evaluations of officers have changed regarding COP (this item will be tabled for a few months)

Item 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

No Discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.